

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 8-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, 8 and 9 have been amended. Claims 6 and 7 have been canceled.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119

Enclosed is a copy of a letter Submission of English-Language Translation of Foreign-Language Provisional Application, filed along with the English translation of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/413782, on December 29, 2003. Also enclosed is a dated, stamped postcard receipt provided as evidence that the above noted letter and corresponding English translation were received by the U.S. Patent Office. **The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the English language translation of the foreign language provisional application submitted on December 29, 2003, and to confirm that the Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application 60/413782 is complete.**

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 8-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 8 has been amended to improve antecedent and to be in better compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Shigehara reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,194,952).

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 103

Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Shigehara reference in view of the Gilliland reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,661,278).

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note the Examiner's acknowledgment that claim 7 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 7 and intervening claim 6, to advance prosecution of this application. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to acknowledge that claims 1-5 are allowed.

Applicants also respectfully note the Examiner's acknowledgment that claims 8-18 include allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above noted amendments, which have been made merely responsive to the Examiner's acknowledgment of

allowable subject matter and to improve antecedent. Entry and consideration of the above noted amendments should not be an undue burden.

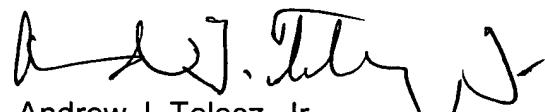
The Examiner is further respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the corresponding rejections, and to pass the claims of the present application to issue, for at least the above reasons.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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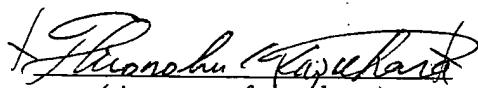
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that I am conversant in both the Japanese and English languages;

that I am presently engaged as a translator in these languages;

that the attached document represents an accurate English-language translation
of the U.S Provisional Application Serial [60/413782] filed [September 27, 2002].

Signed this 18 day of Sep, 2003.


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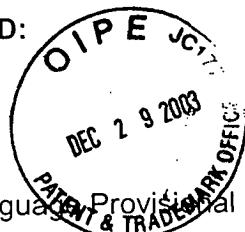
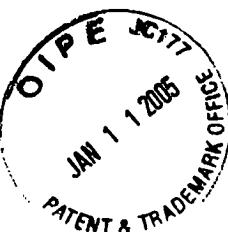
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- Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application
- Copy of Notice
- Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages)
- Submission of English-Language Translation of Foreign-Language Application
- Transmittal of Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 form and 1 reference
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